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BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

UTAH CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB, et al.,

Petitioners,

Docket No. 2009-019 Cause No. C/025/0005

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING,

Respondent, and

ALTON COAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, and KANE COUNTY, UTAH,

Intervenors-Respondents.

PETITIONERS' OBJECTION TO REQUEST FOR DOCUMENT PRODUCTION MADE IN THE JOINT NOTICES OF DEPOSITION OF ELLIOTT W. LIPS AND CHARLES H. NORRIS

Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club ("Sierra Club"), Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance ("SUWA"), Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC"), and National Park Conservation

Association ("NPCA") (collectively, "Petitioners") notify the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining ("the Division") and Alton Coal Development, LLC ("ACD") that Petitioners object to the request for document production included in each joint notice of deposition of Petitioners' expert witnesses. Neither the Division nor ACD has obtained leave of the Board to make such requests, and the Board-approved discovery stipulation that the parties have entered into does not authorize or otherwise contemplate such requests. As separate matter, many of the specific requests are obtainable from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive or are unduly burdensome or expensive, taking into account the needs of the case, the amount in controversy, limitations on the parties' resources. With respect to the witnesses' publications, Petitioners further object on the grounds and to the extent that the document production requests exceed the "preceding last ten years" limit established by Rule 26(a)(3)(B) of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure. With respect to the witnesses' prior depositions and testimony, Petitioners further object on the grounds and to the extent that the document production requests exceed the "preceding four years" limit established by Rule 26(a)(3)(B) of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure. Finally, Petitioners object to the document production requests on the ground that the Division and ACD have failed to provide sufficient time or financial compensation to enable Petitioners' witnesses to gather all of the requested documents.

Without waiving any of the foregoing objections, in an effort to provide as many of the requested documents as is reasonable, Petitioners have requested that their expert witnesses comply with requests insofar as they reasonably can do so. In response to this request, Petitioners understand that their witnesses will make available most of the documents that the Division and ACD have requested.

Dated: March 22, 2010 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 22nd day of March, 2010, I served a true and correct copy of **PETITIONERS' OBJECTION TO REQUEST FOR DOCUMENT PRODUCTION MADE IN THE JOINT NOTICES OF DEPOSITION OF ELLIOTT W. LIPS AND CHARLES H. NORRIS** to each of the following persons via hand-delivery or United States first-class mail, postage pre-paid:

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